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TAGS: ASEC PINS VE

SUBJ: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING - DONNA NIEHOUS DENIES  
THAT HER HUSBAND WAS WITH THE CIA

REF CARACAS 12328

1. AS MENTIONED IN REF, DONNA NIEHOUS SPOKE WITH  
REPORTER FOR CARACAS DAILY EL NACIONAL ON DEC 20  
AND DENIED SALOM MESA'S CHARGES THAT HER HUSBAND WORKED  
FOR THE CIA. THE INTERVIEW WAS PUBLISHED IN THE  
DECEMBER 21 EDITION OF EL NACIONAL. IN RESPONSE TO THE  
DEPUTY'S SPECIFIC CHARGE THAT NIEHOUS HAD ATTEMPTED TO  
BRIBE PRESIDENT PEREZ DURING THE 1973 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN,  
SHE POINTED OUT THAT HER HUSBAND FIRST ARRIVED IN VENEZUELA  
IN JANUARY 1975, ONE YEAR AFTER PEREZ HAD BECOME PRESIDENT.

2. MRS NIEHOUS REMINDED THE REPORTER THAT HER HUSBAND  
HAS BEEN MISSING FOR 22 MONTHS AND SHE SPOKE OF THE SUFFERING  
IT HAS CAUSED HER FAMILY. ARTICLE ALSO MAINTAINED  
(WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION) THAT "ALL THE CITIZENS OF TOLEDO,  
OHIO" HAVE VOLUNTARILY EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO COLLECT  
\$15 MILLION AS RANSOM PAYMENT FOR NIEHOUS RELEASE.

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